

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF)
THE CALFED BAY-DELTA)
PROGRAM)**

Resolution

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno has been the leading food and fiber producing county in the state and nation for almost 50 consecutive years, generating over \$3.29 billion in farm commodities; and

WHEREAS, agriculture, as the major industry in Fresno County, is a driving force in the local and regional economy; where one in five jobs in the County is directly dependent on agriculture and every \$1 of revenue from agricultural production contributes \$3.50 of revenue to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County's agricultural industry, one of the most productive and efficient in the world, is dependent on a reliable water supply; and

WHEREAS, over one-third of Fresno County's gross agricultural production has been hard hit by chronic water shortages from federal environmental regulations which limit the export of water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to western Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing water shortages have added to unemployment, economic hardships and poverty in rural farm communities, particularly on the west side, which increases the economic and social burden on the County as a whole; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop a long term
2 comprehensive solution to environmental, water supply reliability, flood
3 control and water quality problems in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and
4 is seeking public comments on its preferred alternative; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to restore a
7 reliable water supply to maintain the County's viable agricultural industry.

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9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fresno County
10 Board of Supervisors hereby supports a CALFED Bay-Delta Program
11 alternative that offers balanced and equitable solutions that address water
12 supply reliability and protect the productivity of Fresno County's viable
13 agricultural industry. Moreover, the Board further resolves the CALFED
14 Bay-Delta Program must include components to:

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16 1. Expedite development of groundwater and off-stream water
17 storage facilities;
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19 2. Improve the conveyance and reduce conflicts at the Delta export
20 sites; and
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22 3. Support other appropriate actions necessary to restore and
23 improve water supply to protect Fresno County's standing as the
24 number one agricultural county in the Nation.
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1 *THE FOREGOING was PASSED and ADOPTED by the following vote of*
2 *the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 14th day of September, 1999,*
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4 *to-wit:*

5 *AYES: Supervisors Koligian, Arambula, Case, Oken, Levy*

6 *NOES: None*

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8 *ABSENT: None*

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11 *Judith M. Case*
12 *VICE-CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors*

13 *ATTEST:*

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15 *SHARI GREENWOOD, Clerk*
16 *Board of Supervisors*

17 By *Shari Greenwood*
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